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1. The following members of the Agrupacion de Fuerzas Armadas de la Republica Espanola were reported on 25 January 1947 to have arrived in Paris, having escaped on 23 January through Behobia, Basses Pyrenees:

Francisco Alda Sagasti, an officer of the AFARE, who was employed as Chief Accountant in the Agroman, S.A., construction company of Barcelona. He belongs to the Confederacion Nacional del Trabajo (CNT), and during the Spanish Civil War was a captain in the Army of Euzkadi.

Manuel Arzobido Artaza, who was in the ranks of the AFARE and worked as a day laborer in the Agroman plant. He also is a member of the CNT.

Obdulia Redondo Blanco, associated with Alda in the AFARE.

2. Alda stated that after the first arrests of AFARE leaders, precautions were taken by members of the organization and it appeared that the storm had blown over. Subsequently, however, new arrests were made, principally in the Sans district, of AFARE members who had not been molested previously.

3. On 9 January Alda heard that information about him had been given to police officers and that they were delaying his arrest in the hope of trapping the whole group. On 10 January the police went to the offices of Agroman S.A. and asked for the personnel roster. Alda, with Arzobido and Senora de Redondo, eluded the police and went to Valencia, thence to Madrid, Bilbao and San Sebastian. Senora de Redondo had managed to obtain false papers for them by bribing a policeman in Barcelona.

4. According to Alda, arrests of some AFARE members are the result of the work of a spy for Chinchilla of the Barcelona Police Headquarters, a certain Meli, who has penetrated CNT circles. Meli, Alda stated, is always armed and escorted by two agents. According to Arzobido, another informer is Fernando Vidal, nephew of a police commissioner.

5. The fugitives claim that the AFARE has a following of some 20,000.

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